GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF GUJARAT RIOTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of riot affected people in the State of Gujarat;

(b) the action taken by the Government so far against the persons involved in the said riot; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the rehabilitation and compensation to the victims of Gujarat riots?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The State Government has intimated that 1169 persons died and 2548 persons were injured in the communal riots in Gujarat in 2002. The State Government has also intimated that 4272 cases were registered with respect to the 2002 riots out of which 33 cases resulted in conviction, 807 cases resulted in acquittal and rest are pending trial. The State Government has also set up a Commission of Inquiry under Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to inquire into the incident of setting on fire some coaches of the Sabarmati Express train near Godhra Railway Station on 27.2.2002 and subsequent incidents of violence in the State. The Commission is yet to submit its report.

(c): The Union Government has announced a package for additional relief and rehabilitation of the victims of riot-affected persons of Gujarat 2002 payable on the pattern of package allowed for the victims of anti-Sikh riots of 1984, and the salient features of the package are :-

(i) In case of death, an ex-gratia assistance of Rs. 3.5 lakh would be paid in addition to the assistance already given by the State Government.

(ii) In case of injury, an ex-gratia assistance of Rs. 1.25 lakh would be paid minus the assistance given by the State Government.

(iii) For damage to residential and uninsured commercial / industrial property, an ex-gratia of 10 times the amount given by the State Government would be paid less amount already paid.